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We use the law to:

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Fight climate change



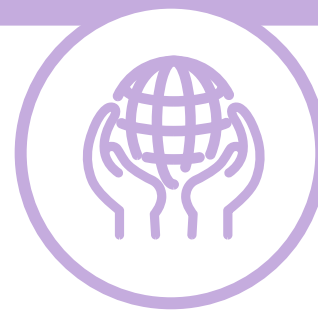
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Empower people
and promote the
rule of law

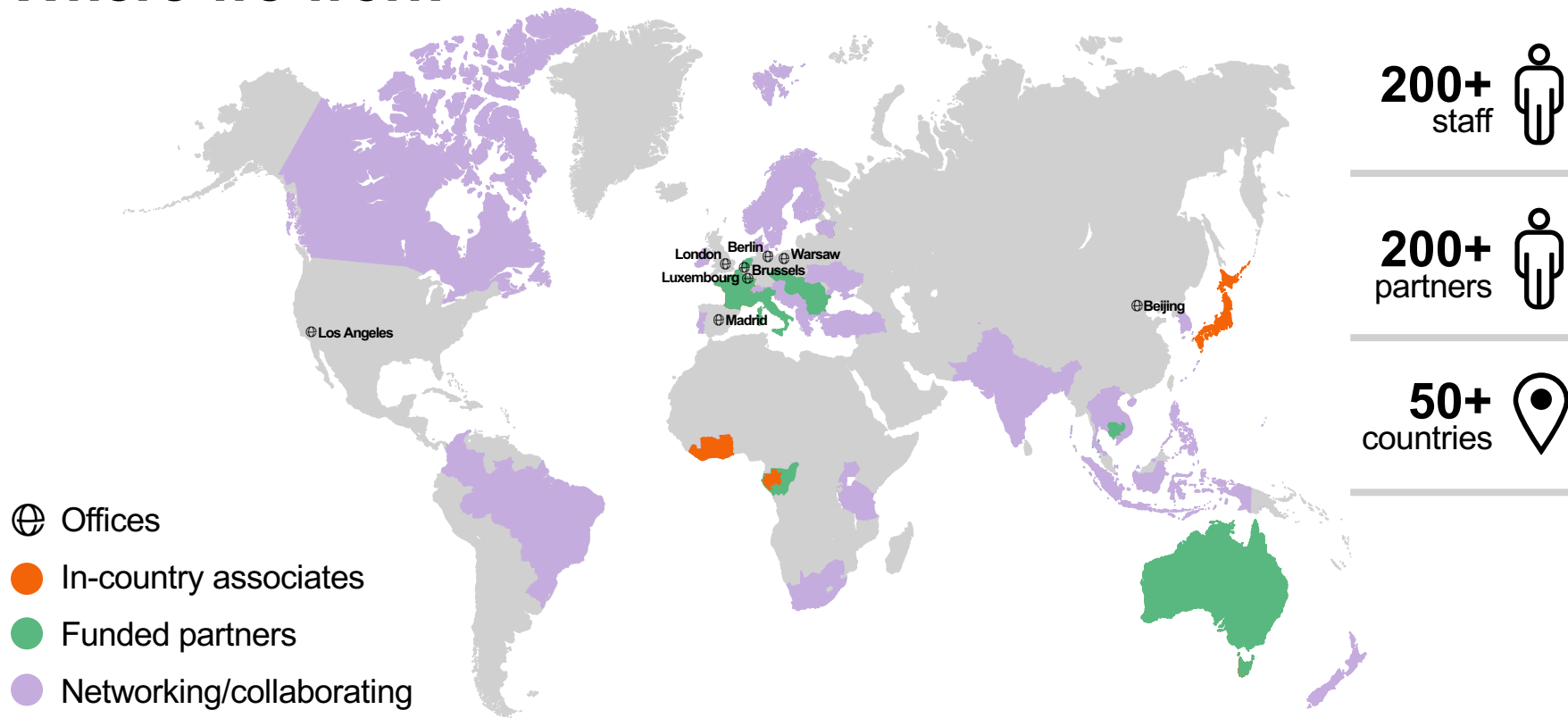


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Protect the
natural world



Where we work





Manila Observatory (MO)



MO law school clinic partner



Philippine Earth Justice Center (PEJC)



PEJC law school clinic partner





Manila Observatory

Climate Justice Capacity Initiative



PHILIPPINE EARTH JUSTICE CENTER

Green Legal Clinics





The largest risks globally

“Identify the most severe risks on a global scale over the next 10 years”

■ Economic ■ Environmental ■ Geopolitical ■ Societal ■ Technological



Source: World Economic Forum Global Risks Perception Survey 2021-2022

- Are environmental
- Involve highly technical and scientific issues
- Require multi-disciplinary solutions
- Law has a key role to play
- Problems and solutions cross borders – international cooperation is crucial



- Research and thought leadership
 - Adequacy of climate targets
 - Loss and damage
 - Constitutional issues on renewable energy
 - Companies' duties to act on climate
- Policy and lawmaking
 - Local environmental codes
 - Strengthening EIA laws
 - Clean air regulations
- Advocacy
 - Ratcheting up climate ambition
 - Translating pledges to policies and laws
- Litigation
 - Environmental access to justice
 - Climate, environmental, and human health cases
- Other disputes
 - national human rights bodies

- Scientists
- Medical and public health professionals
- Economists
- Fund managers
- Institutional investors
- Energy experts
- Energy economists
- Engineers
- Policymakers and regulators
- Indigenous and local communities
- Youth



Law schools and students can make a huge impact

UCLA Law

Amicus Brief for Scientists in *Weyerhaeuser Company v. United States Fish and Wildlife Service, et al.*

July 5, 2018 | Sean Hecht

On July 5, 2018, students and faculty in the UCLA Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of a group of world-class scientists including E.O. Wilson, Stuart Pimm, and UCLA's Brad Shaffer. Sean Hecht authored the brief with assistance from students Jen Garlock '19 and Heejin Hwang '19. The brief argued the Court and federal agencies should employ a scientific understanding of habitat, not a dictionary definition that would inadequately protect species, to implement the Endangered Species Act in the way Congress intended. [View publication page](#). [Download PDF](#).

Amicus Brief for Grid Experts in Support of EPA's Clean Power Plan

April 1, 2016 | Megan Herzog, Cara Horowitz, Sarah Duffy, Ann Carlson, William Boyd

On April 1, 2016, Megan Herzog, Cara Horowitz, Sarah Duffy, & Ann Carlson of UCLA Law School's Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, together with William Boyd of University of Colorado Law School, filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of five electric grid experts: Benjamin F. Hobbs, Brendan Kirby, Kenneth J. Lutz, James D. McCalley, and Brian Parsons in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Clean Power Plan" to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil-fuel-fired electric generating units. [View publication page](#). [Download PDF](#).

Columbia Law

- **Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Pebble Project** (submitted July 1, 2019 in collaboration with the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the UCLA School of Law)
- **Comments on the Proposed Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)** (submitted March 13, 2019)
- **Comments on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed 2019 Beaufort Sea Lease Sale in the Beaufort Sea Planning Area** (submitted

Local Government Amicus Brief in Union of Concerned Scientists v. NHTSA by Michael Burger and Hillary Aidun (July 2020)

The Sabin Center filed an amicus brief on behalf of local government associations in support of state, city, environmental, and industry petitioners in the lawsuit challenging the Trump Administration's withdrawal of California's authority to implement its existing greenhouse gas and zero-emission vehicle standards. The brief illustrates the threats that motor vehicle emissions pose to cities, including climate impacts and public health harms associated with smog and particulate matter. The brief also emphasizes that the EPA failed to consider the need to address climate change and vehicle pollution, and unlawfully disregarded the environmental justice impacts of its action. The brief was filed on behalf of the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the International Municipal Lawyers Association.

Local Government Amicus Brief in American Lung Association v. EPA by Michael Burger and Hillary Aidun and related [press release](#) (April 2020)

The Sabin Center filed an amicus brief on behalf of local governments in support of state and environmental petitioners in *American Lung Association v. EPA*, the lawsuit challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's repeal of the Clean Power Plan and its replacement, the Affordable Clean Energy Rule. The brief highlights the climate impacts that cities are already facing, and local governments' efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The coalition members include the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and 23 cities, towns, counties and mayors representing over 12 million residents.



Harvard Law

Promoting Equity in Offshore Wind Procurement: The clinic is researching mechanisms to integrate equity-based objectives into the procurement process for new offshore wind projects in Massachusetts. The focus of the clinic project is on equity issues related to participation in and access to the economic opportunities presented by offshore wind development, ranging from equity ownership to work for subcontractors and other entities in the supply chain.

Lead in Drinking Water: Over several semesters, the clinic has worked on developing strategies for reducing exposure to lead in drinking water. Clinic students previously drafted white papers on identifying best practices for water sampling protocols and on the authority of water utilities in 13 key states to use ratepayer funds to pay for complete lead service line replacements. In February 2020, the clinic submitted comments focused on the health equity, environmental justice, and civil rights aspects of the EPA's proposed revisions to its Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), the primary federal regulation addressing lead in drinking water. This year, the clinic is working with partners at the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to explore strategies for addressing discriminatory lead service line replacement practices under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



UNIVERSITY OF CEBU

Project RPEC Sugbu

UC Law Student Practitioners conducted another leg of the discussion session with the Philippine National Police working on the modules for the lectures which will cover the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases and Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation. They will also be guiding the police on the Judicial Affidavit Rule.

During the briefing, UC LSPs Golda Lim (4L), Kris Daniel Alarin (4L), Jhon Alain Hisola (4L), Erika Quinones (4L), Jensen Floren (4L), and Christine Rose Lagura (4L) explained the module and other preparations they are working on for the lecture series.



THANK YOU!

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